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## The N.Z. Chairman's Message

The New Zealand Rugby Football Union looks forward to today's International between the British Isles and New Zealand with a great deal of interest.

This International, the second in the series, will be viewed by delegates who have been attending the Asian and Pacific Rugby Congress at Lincoln College. We are pleased that the New Zealand Rugby Football Union has been able to be host to so many people from twenty-eight countries, and New Zealand unions. Despite the inclement weather, we know the friendships that have been made at that Congress will be lasting.

We know that the touring party, under the honorary managership of George Burrell, has been making friends throughout their tour of New Zealand, and we trust that in the next few weeks they will continue to enjoy their stay.

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Mr R. W. THOMAS

## The President's Welcome

The Canterbury Rugby Football Union takes this opportunity of bidding farewell to the 1977 British Isles touring party. George Burrell, John Dawes, Phil Bennett, and the team have become household names in New Zealand. Lancaster Park has been a memorable scene, first of all for the New Zealand University game, and the Canterbury game, and we look forward to another memorable game today. We have been particularly pleased with the standard of play on Lancaster Park this year and we know that this has brought credit to the players and enjoyment for the public.

In bidding you farewell, we say thank you for coming to New Zealand, and thank you for coming to Christchurch.

A special word of thanks to all members of the touring press, whom it has been our pleasure to have hosted here in Christchurch.

May we join with the Chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union Council in saying how pleasureable it has been to have had so many overseas delegates here at Lincoln College this week, for what has been the first International Rugby Congress ever held in New Zealand.

To the other union representatives from throughout New Zealand who have been attending the Congress, a big welcome. May we say how pleased we are to have Mr Ron Don, Manager of the New Zealand team; Mr Jack Gleeson, the Chairman of Selectors; and his two Assistants—Messrs Stewart and Watson—and to the All Black side itself under the captaincy of Tane Norton.

New Zealand participation against touring teams at Lancaster Park has always been a great experience and today will be no exception, so we bid you welcome, we say goodbye to the Lions, and we look forward to an interesting game.

Finally, may we take this opportunity of thanking all the people who have helped us make the games in Christchurch enjoyable—Police, St John Ambulance, and particular thanks to the staff of Lancaster Park under Mr Cyril Barnes, who has had a difficult job. There are a host of other people whom we should thank, but as we cannot do so individually we would like them to accept our thanks on behalf of the Canterbury Rugby Football Union for their contribution in hosting our overseas delegates and many other arrangements that have been made in this important week.

R. W. THOMAS,  
President,  
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## NO LUCK FOR LIONS

The Lions come to Lancaster Park with a certain amount of trepidation, for this has been the hoodoo ground for successive sides from the British Isles. Not one of them has won a test on the oval.

The only reverse the highly successful 1971 Lions suffered was in the second test in Christchurch. The All Blacks' 22-12 victory is remembered chiefly for Ian Kirkpatrick's spectacular try, scored after the big flanker had burst through a maul and defeated four defenders on a 50 metre dash to the goal-line.

There was also high drama when the referee, John Pring, ruled obstruction against Gerald Davies and awarded Bryan Williams a penalty try.



The unhappy 1966 Lions lost at Lancaster Park, 19-6, in spite of good tries by Ron Lamont and David Watkins. A close-knit All Black side, which had only one change made to it in the whole series, moved purposefully to victory, with Waka Nathan scoring two tries.

Don Clarke had saved the All Blacks from defeat at the eleventh hour in each of the first two tests of 1959. But in the third at Christchurch the New Zealand side gave an outstanding display in an otherwise lamentable year and won, 22-8. Clarke himself was in tremendous form, and Ralph Caulton scored a brace of tries to match his feat of the Wellington test.

David Hewitt brought a little consolation to the Lions with a try, but Colin Meads, "Tiny" Hill and their cohorts commanded most of the ball.

The 1950 All Black team was the last to play in Christchurch without a Canterbury player in its ranks. In spite of this oversight by the selectors, New Zealand still beat the Lions, by 8-0. Pat Crowley, the fiery Auckland flanker, and Roy Roper, the gifted Taranaki centre, who were two of the stars of the series, scored New Zealand's tries.

Back in 1930 the second test was played in Christchurch, and Cliff Porter and his "All Whites" levelled

the series at one-all after the Dunedin defeat.

Although the Lions lost their half-back, Paul Murray, through injury, they gave a spirited performance and went down by only 13-10. Mark Nicholls was shrewd and skilful for New Zealand and played the leading scoring role, with a goal from a mark, two conversions, and the setting up of the second try.

But to his chagrin, Nicholls read in one newspaper that "Lucas scored a fine opportunist try after Nicholls had badly hooked a pot at goal."

New Zealand went on to win, 15-10, with Hugh McLean, playing his first test, scoring two tries. Hugh's younger brother, Terry, is one of a large number of journalists covering today's game.

## ALL BLACK RECORDS

Will any of these All Black test records be broken today? —

Most points: 24, by Fergie McCormick v Wales at Auckland, 1969.

Most tries: four, by Duncan McGregor v England at Crystal Palace, London, 1905.

Most penalty goals: six by Don Clarke v Lions at Dunedin, 1959.

Most conversions: five, by Bob Scott v Australia at Dunedin, 1946.

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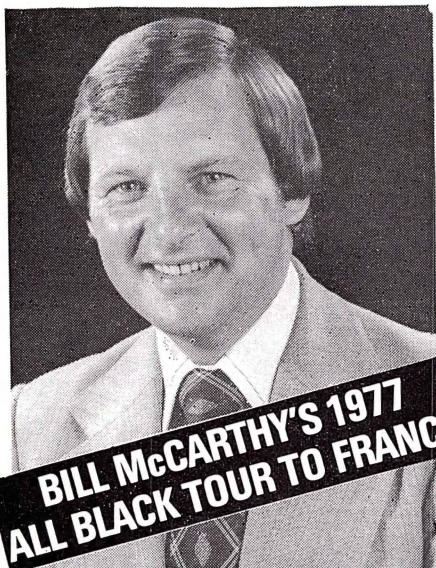
## DROP-KICK WITH A DIFFERENCE

One of the favourite stories of the late Mark Nicholls concerned the scoring of the All Blacks' first try in the third test of the 1930 series against the Lions.

By arrangement, Nicholls was to drop-kick—for accuracy—to Fred Lucas on the wing when the All Blacks had the put-in at a scrum inside the Lions 25yd line on the right side of the field.

Eventually the All Blacks reached this position, the ball was passed to Nicholls, and he drop-kicked across field. The alert Lucas fielded the ball on the half-volley and eluded a startled defence to score.

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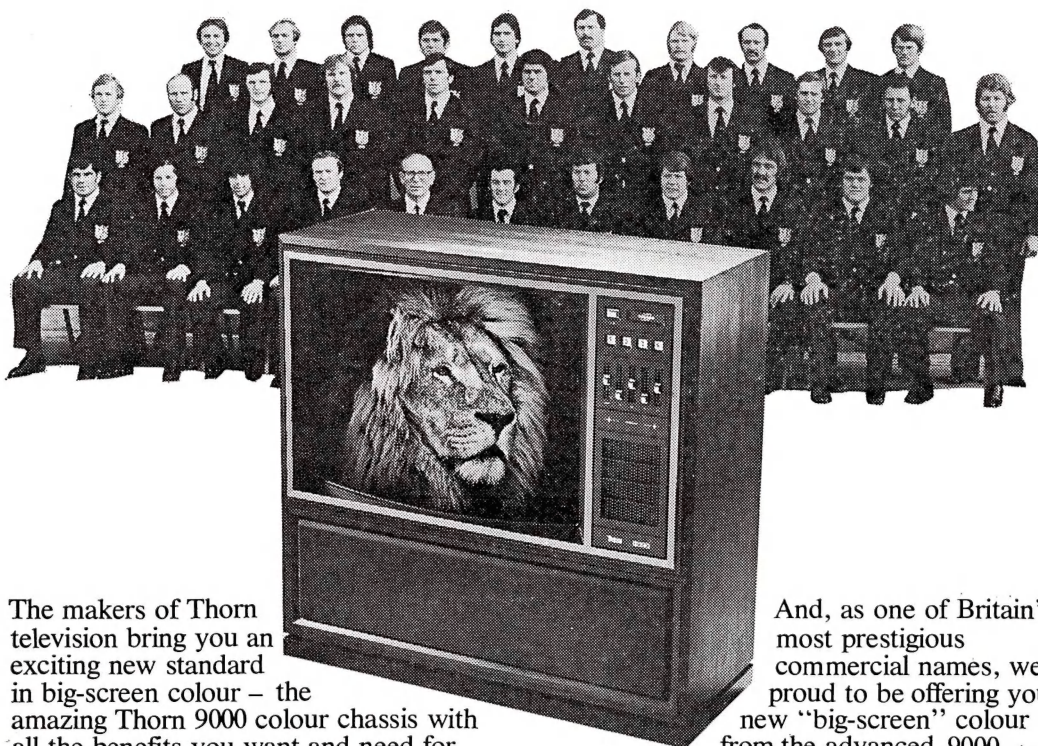
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# THE LIONS AT LANCASTER PARK

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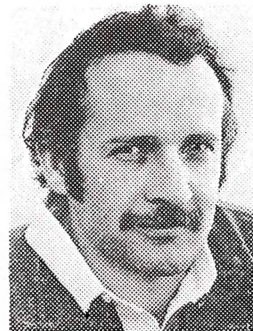
**P. BENNETT**

**Phil Bennett** (Wales)  
Fly-half. Born October 24th, 1948. Won his first cap for Wales in 1969 against France. He toured New Zealand with Wales in 1969 but became established in the Welsh team only in 1973. He toured South Africa with the Lions in 1974, playing in all four tests. He was dropped last season but regained his place when the two players selected ahead of him withdrew because of injury. He has cemented his place since then and took over the captaincy of Wales this year. He has scored 141 points for Wales and won 25 caps, plus four Lions tests.



**M. GIBSON**

**Mike Gibson** (Ireland)  
Centre. Born December 3rd, 1942. World rugby's most capped back. He remains the supreme craftsman. This will be his fifth Lions tour (the others were to New Zealand in 1966 and 1971 and South Africa in 1968 and 1974. Earlier this season reverted to his original international position of fly-half, but went back to the centre for Ireland's games against Scotland and France. Against Scotland he brought up his 100 points for Ireland. He has 62 caps, plus 12 British Lions tests.



**D. BURCHER**

**David Burcher** (Wales)  
Centre. Born Newport, October 26th, 1951. At the start of the 1976-77 season he had one ambition: to play for East Wales against the Argentine. He did, and he scored a try. He later captained Wales B against France and Welsh clubs against Japan, and when Ray Gravell was injured Burcher gained his first cap. He kept his place for the remainder of the season. Four caps.



**A. IRVINE**

**Andy Irvine** (Scotland)  
Full-back. Born Edinburgh, September 16, 1951. First played for Scotland against Ian Kirkpatrick's All Blacks and has been an automatic choice since. Toured South Africa with the 1974 Lions and played in the third and fourth tests on the wing. Toured New Zealand with Scotland in 1975 and was picked on the wing for the test, but has been at full-back since, except for Scotland's 1976 match against France. An attacking full-back and accurate goal-kicker from any range. Scotland's leading scorer with 103 points; 24 caps, plus two for the Lions.

**John Williams** (Wales)  
Wing. Born Nantyllyfyllon, April 1st, 1943. British rugby's speedster, John is a former Welsh sprint champion and competed in the 1970 Commonwealth Games. First capped for Wales in 1973 and toured South Africa the following year, playing in all four tests. A master of the kick ahead, he has scored 10 tries for Wales in 19 games (including a hat-trick against the 1975-76 Wallabies) and four for the Lions in tests.

**Elgan Rees** (Neath)  
Wing. Born January 5th, 1954. Kept out of the Welsh national team by Gerald Davies and John Williams, but has proved his class in club rugby and several matches for Wales B and the Barbarians.

**Peter Squires** (England)  
Wing. Born Ripon, August 4th, 1951. Played at fly-half and full-back in schools' rugby before moving to the wing. Toured New Zealand in 1973, when he scored a try in the only test of the tour, which England won. A regular selection for England since, although he missed three of the four games in the 1975-76 season because of injury. Has scored six tries for England and won 20 caps.



**S. FENWICK**

**Steve Fenwick** (Wales)  
Centre. Born Nantgarw, July 23rd, 1951. Top scorer for Bridgend with 230 points in his first season with them in 1973-74 and played for Wales B before winning his first cap in the 1975-76 season against France in Paris. In that game, he scored a try and kicked a conversion and a penalty, and has regularly scored for Wales since with a tally now of 59 points. Twelve caps.

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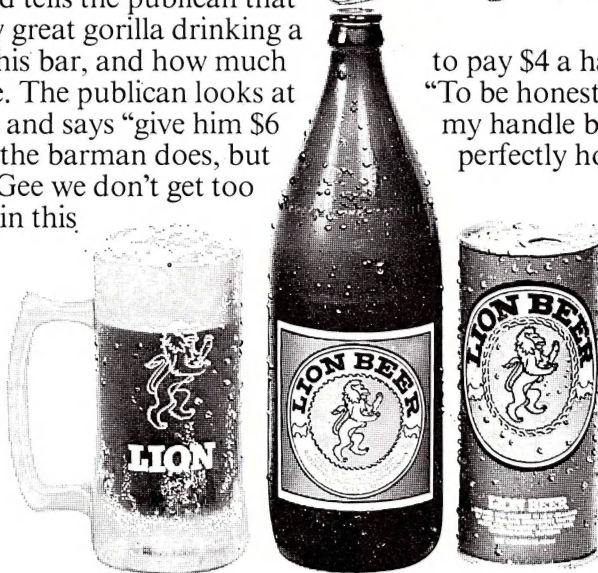


pub” he says. The gorilla looks him in the eye and says

“Yeah at \$4 a handle you're not likely to either”.

The barman himself told me this story over a couple of Lion Beers. “It's funny,” he said, “here it is Lion Beer, the world's bitterest, strongest and best beer and this ruddy big gorilla's too lousy

to pay \$4 a handle, what do you think?” “To be honest mate” I said, pushing my handle back for a refill—“to be perfectly honest it's only... great.”



# Lion Beer

to be honest  
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**G. EVANS**

**Gareth Evans (Wales)**  
Centre or wing. Aged 25. One of the surprise selections in the team, although he has a reputation in Wales for being able to play ably in most positions in the backs. He plays at centre for Newport, but gained his first cap for Wales when he replaced Gerald Davies against France this year. One cap.



**P. WHEELER**

**Peter Wheeler (England)**  
Hooker. Born London, November 26th, 1948. Won his first England cap against France in 1975, although he had toured Japan with England in 1971. Has been a regular member of the England team for the past two years. Ten caps.

**Graham Price (Wales)**  
Prop. Born in Egypt, November 24th, 1951. Played for Pontypool while still at school and was five times a member of the Welsh schools team. Made his full debut for Wales in Paris in 1975 and has been a regular choice since. A tight-head prop. 13 caps.

**Trevor Evans (Wales)**  
Flanker. Born November 26th, 1947. Played for Wales Youth before gaining his first cap at the beginning of the 1975-76 season. He kept his place in the side until he was injured against Ireland in Wales' first game this year. Along with Mervyn Davies, Evans was one of the men that made the Swansea pack one of the most formidable in Wales. 10 caps.

**Brynmor Williams (Cardiff)**  
Half-back. Born October 29th, 1951. But for Gareth Edwards, he would be an established member of the Welsh side. Williams is the understudy to Edwards at both the Cardiff club and for Wales. He has played for Wales B and was the reserve half-back for all Wales' matches this season.



**G. BROWN**

**Gordon Brown (Scotland)**  
Lock. Born Troon, November 1st, 1947. A younger brother of the former Scottish captain, Peter Brown, he first played for Scotland against the 1969-70 Springboks. He toured New Zealand with the 1971 Lions, playing in two tests, and was a first-choice lock for the winning Lions in South Africa three years later, playing in three tests (injury kept him out of the other). Injury also prevented Brown from touring New Zealand in 1975 with Scotland. A three-month suspension for kicking an opponent kept Brown out of Scotland's side for most of this season, but he kept in trim by training with Glasgow Rangers soccer side. 30 tests, plus five for the Lions.

**Billy Beaumont (England)**  
Strapping lock from the Fylde club in Lancashire who made a good impression on England's tour of Australia in 1975. Played in both tests, and was one of better forwards in beaten side. Subsequently regular choice for English second row.

**John Bevan (Wales)**  
Fly-half. Born March 12th, 1948. Earned his only caps for Wales at the expense of Phil Bennett in 1975, but injury caused him to lose his place and he hasn't regained it since. He was a controversial selection ahead of Bennett for Wales' opening match against England last year, but injury again forced him to drop out. This season he was a Welsh reserve. Four caps.



**I. MCGEECHAN**

**Ian McGeechan (Scotland)**  
Centre or fly-half. Born Leeds, October 30th, 1946. Gained his first cap against Kirkpatrick's All Blacks as a fly-half. Later moved into the centre for Scotland and toured South Africa with the 1974 Lions, playing in the four tests. Toured New Zealand with Scotland in 1975 and played in the test at fly-half. At centre since then, and this season took over the captaincy of Scotland from Ian McLauchlan. 24 caps, plus four for the Lions.

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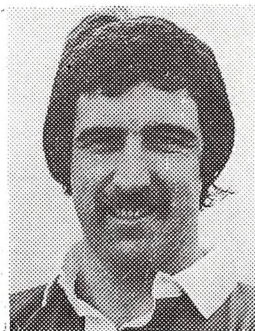
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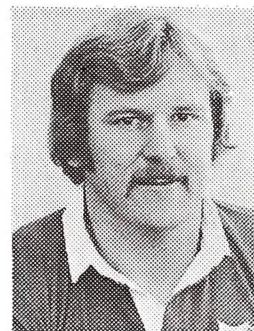
**D. MORGAN**

**Doug Morgan** (Scotland)  
Half-back. Born March 9th, 1947. Began his international career against Wales in 1973, after matches for Scotland B against France in 1972 and 1973. Morgan has been in and out of the Scottish side, but played in all four matches in the 1974-75 season then toured New Zealand in 1975 where his goal-kicking was as valuable as his half-back play. He kicked 24 points against Wellington, then played in the Test. He was dropped midway through last season but regained his place against Ireland this year. 17 caps.



**J. SQUIRE**

**Jeff Squire** (Wales)  
Number eight. A strong, straight running back row man from the Newport club. Brian Wall, of the "South Wales Echo", has predicted he could become a star of the tour. He played two matches for Wales last season, but was then dropped, and failed to win a place in the original Lions' party. However, he was called to New Zealand when the English captain, Roger Uttley, failed to respond in time for treatment to an injury. Very fit, as a physical education instructor should be, he is also prominent as a county cricketer. Two caps.



**D. QUINNELL**

**Derek Quinell** (Wales)  
Number eight. Born May 22nd, 1949. Toured New Zealand in 1971 with the British Lions before he had even played for Wales. He played in one test (the third) on that tour, and made his national debut the next season when he replaced Mervyn Davies. He was a prominent figure in both the Llanelli and Barbarians sides which beat Kirkpatrick's All Blacks. Quinell has played intermittently for Wales since then and was only a second choice originally this year. Eleven caps, plus one for the Lions.



**W. DUGGAN**

**Willie Duggan** (Ireland)  
Number eight. Born March 12th, 1950. First played for his province, Leinster, against the 1972 All Blacks and in 1974, after another Leinster game against New Zealand, gained a place in the Irish side against England. He has been an automatic choice since then, including Ireland's short tour of New Zealand last year. He was sent off in Ireland's match against Wales this season but did not miss any of the internationals. 13 caps.

**Clive Williams** (Wales)  
Prop. Aged 27. Gained his first cap when he was brought into the Welsh side on the morning of the match against England. A loose-head, he did so well against Fran Cotton he kept his place for Wales' last match of the season, against Scotland. Two caps.

**Allan Martin** (Wales)  
Lock. Born Port Talbot, December 11th, 1948. Played 12 times for Welsh schools before taking over from Delme Thomas as the number five lineout man for Wales. He was first capped against Australia in 1973 and has been a regular member since then. Martin is also a long-range goal-kicker with some international success. 16 caps.

## LIONS' STATISTICS

### BACKS

	Age	Height	Weight	Caps
A. R. Irvine (Scotland)	25	5.10	12.8	23
B. H. Hay (Scotland)	26	5.10	13.5	3
J. J. Williams (Wales)	28	5.9	12.0	19
P. J. Squires (England)	25	5.9	11.9	20
E. H. Rees (Wales)	23	5.9	12.12	—
G. L. Evans (Wales)	23	5.11	13.2	1
C. M. H. Gibson (Ireland)	34	5.11	12.5	62
S. P. Fenwick (Wales)	25	5.10	13.2	12
D. H. Burcher (Wales)	25	5.10	13.5	4
I. R. McGeechan (Scotland)	30	5.9	11.3	23
J. D. Bevan (Wales)	27	5.9	13.1	4
P. Bennett (Wales)	28	5.7	11.4	25
D. W. Morgan (Scotland)	30	5.9	11.10	17
D. B. Williams (Wales)	24	5.9	12.7	—

### FORWARDS

J. Squire (Wales)	25	6.0	15.2	2
W. P. Duggan (Ireland)	26	6.3	15.12	13
D. L. Quinell (Wales)	27	6.3	16.12	12
T. J. Cobner (Wales)	31	6.0	14.4	14
A. J. Neary (England)	28	6.1	14.0	33
T. P. Evans (Wales)	29	6.2	14.12	10
G. L. Brown (Scotland)	29	6.5	16.2	30
W. B. Beaumont (England)	26	6.4	16.2	12
M. T. Keane (Ireland)	28	6.4½	16.3	17
A. J. Martin (Wales)	28	6.5	16.8	16
F. E. Cotton (England)	29	6.2	16.7	23
G. Price (Wales)	25	5.11	15.2	13
P. A. Orr (Ireland)	26	5.11	15.7	9
C. Williams (Wales)	27	6.0	16.8	2
R. W. Windsor (Wales)	29	5.9	14.9	18
P. J. Wheeler (England)	28	5.11	13.10	10



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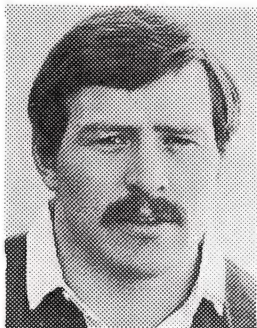
Gareth Evans scores for  
the Lions against  
Canterbury.





**T. COBNER**

**Terry Cobner (Wales)**  
Flanker. Born Blaenavon, January 10th, 1946. Played his first major rugby in England when he was on the side of the scrum for East Midlands against the 1969-70 Springboks. Won his first cap against Scotland in 1974 and took over the captaincy from Mervyn Davies for the match against the Pumas last year. Injury forced him to miss Wales' first home international this season, against Ireland, but he was back in the side for the remainder. 14 caps.



**P. ORR**

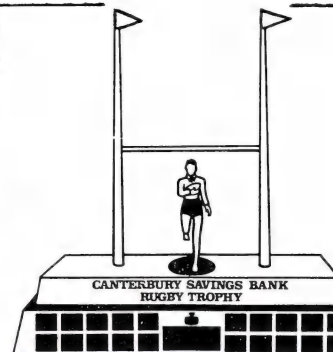
**Philip Orr (Ireland)**  
Prop. Born December 14th, 1950. Made his debut for Leinster in 1974 and in the same year played for combined Irish Universities against Andy Leslie's All Blacks. Won his first cap against France last season and went on the short tour to New Zealand, where he played in the test. Nine caps.



**R. WINDSOR**

**Bobby Windsor (Wales)**  
Hooker. Born Newport, January 31st, 1948. Began his rugby as both a fly-half and a full-back and was good enough to play in the Newport schools' team. He changed to hooking when he left school and was first capped against Australia in 1973. He toured South Africa with the Lions in 1974, playing in all four tests, and has been the Welsh number one hooker since then. 18 caps, plus four for the Lions.

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2 TANE NORTON (Canty) (captain)

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Backs: 16 Lyn Davis (Canty), 17 Duncan Robertson (Otago),

18 Lyn Jaffray (Otago)

Forwards: 19 Peter Sloane (Nth Auck.), 20 J. McEldowney (Taranaki),

21 G. A. Seear (Otago)

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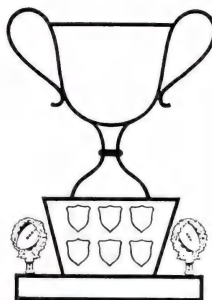


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F. COTTON

**Fran Cotton** (England)  
Prop. Born Wigan, January 3rd, 1948. Toured Japan with England in 1971 and toured New Zealand in 1973, then went back to South Africa with the Lions in 1974, playing in all four tests. He captained England briefly in the 1974-75 season but injury forced him to lose his place at home and also to miss the 1975 tests in Australia. A regular choice as tight-head prop, but he can play on either side. 24 caps, plus four for the Lions.



A. NEARY

**Tony Neary** (England)  
Flanker. Born, Manchester, November 25th, 1948. Played for North-West Counties against the 1969 Springboks and in 1971 toured Japan with England. He then became a regular member of the England team until this year, when he was left out of the side although he was brought in as a replacement for the match against Ireland. Neary captained England last year. He toured South Africa with England in 1972, New Zealand in 1973 and South Africa with the Lions in 1974. He also captained England on the Australian tour in 1975.



M. KEANE

**Moss Keane** (Ireland)  
Lock. Born July 27th, 1948. Became the first Gaelic footballer to win a rugby cap for Ireland when he played against France in 1974. He went on to play in all four internationals that year and has been a regular member of the side since. Last year he toured New Zealand on Ireland's short tour and played in the only test.

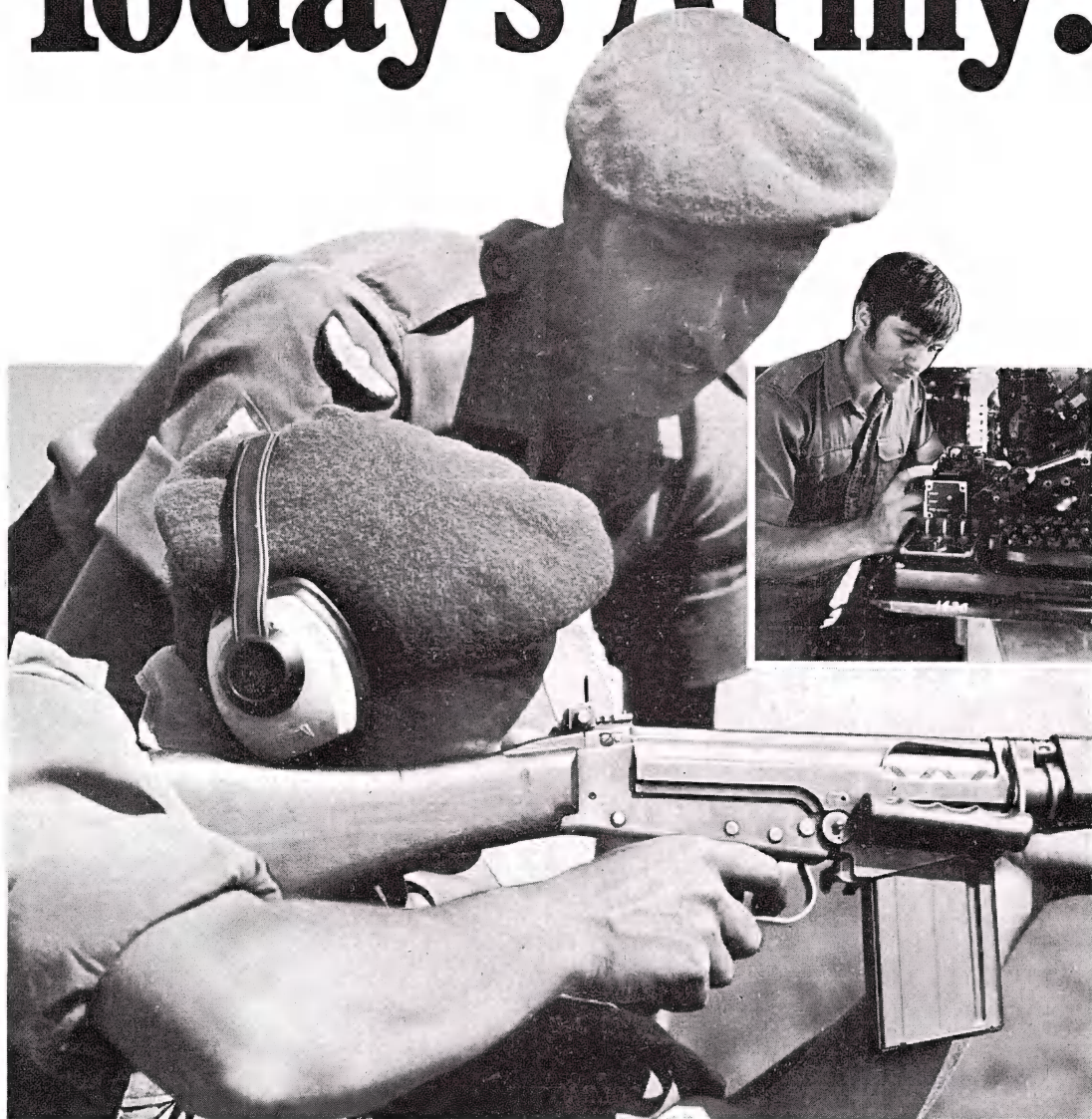
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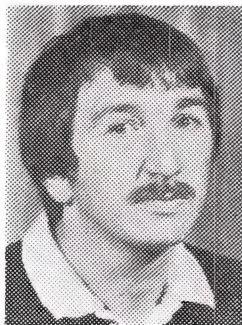


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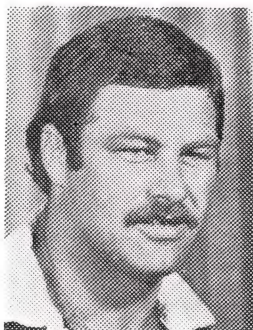
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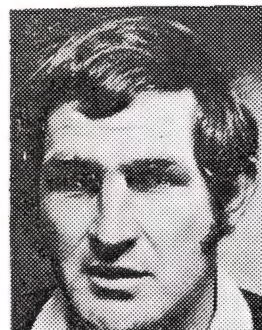
**TANE NORTON**

**Tane Norton** (Canterbury)  
Hooker. Captain of the New Zealand side in this series. Tane will today become the most capped hooker in All Black history. He has not missed a test since he opposed John Pullin in the four internationals against the 1971 Lions. Has made four overseas tours with the All Blacks and has captained the Maoris since 1973.



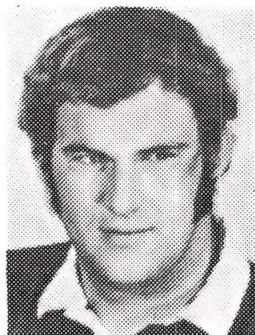
**BRAD JOHNSTONE**

**Brad Johnstone** (Auckland)  
Loose-head prop. Stalwart front ranker who, like fellow Aucklanders Andy Haden and Peter Whiting, has had overseas club experience. Invalided home from South African tour last season after appearing in one test, but captained Auckland soon after. Able tight forward who is good value at front of line-out. His father, Ron, played for famous Army team, the Kiwis, also Auckland and North Island.



**IAN KIRKPATRICK**

**Ian Kirkpatrick** (Poverty Bay)  
Flanker. New Zealand's most capped international footballer, with 36 tests since 1967. Big, strong and resolute attacker who is New Zealand's highest try scorer in tests; he grabbed three against Australia in 1968 and his herculean effort against the 1971 Lions on this ground has gone down in history. Played for Poverty Bay-East Coast against the 1966 Lions and was New Zealand captain in 1972-73.



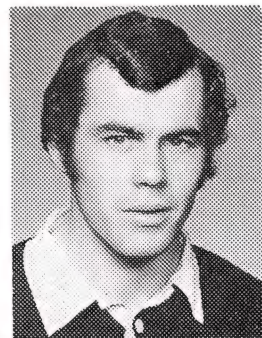
**ANDY HADEN**

**Andy Haden** (Auckland)  
Lock. Showed undoubted promise on 1972-73 All Black tour of Britain, but then axed by selectors and went to France to develop his game with Tarbes club. Displayed outstanding form for Auckland last season, and continued this on All Black tour of Argentina. Fractionally bigger than his Ponsonby and N.Z. colleague, Peter Whiting, Andy is now an outstanding second row forward and line-out leaper.



**KEVIN EVELEIGH**

**Kevin Eveleigh** (Manawatu)  
Flanker. Renowned for his tackling ability and raw courage, "Hayburner" has been an All Black since 1974 and has been in friendly competition with another fast flanker, Ken Stewart, for a test place. Played a virtual international against a Welsh XV in 1974 and finally got his chance in South Africa last season.



**LAWRIE KNIGHT**

**Lawrie Knight** (Poverty Bay)  
Number eight. Experiencing first test series, although has had three overseas tours with All Blacks. Dependable utility forward who is strong attacker, conscientious defender, and talented line-out forward. Plays for Kirkpatrick's Ngatapa club; his father was also an All Black forward, in the 1920s.

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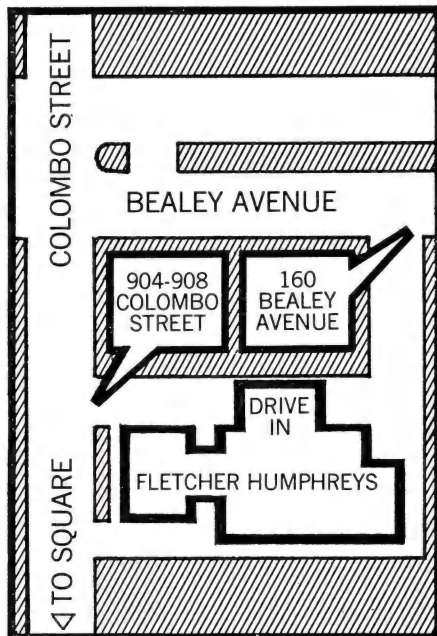
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**Frank Oliver** (Southland)  
Lock. Belatedly won All Black honours last year, touring South Africa and finally displacing Hamish Macdonald from test team for fourth international. Hardy Southland rep. for eight years, former captain of N.Z. Juniors, and a great ally to have when the going is hardest in the tight.

**Bill Osborne** (Wanganui)  
Second five-eighths. Graduated from N.Z. Colts of 1974 to All Blacks against Scotland a year later. Hard-running player, usually at centre, who is especially good on counter-attack. Had outstanding tour of South Africa last year, twice appearing in tests as a replacement.



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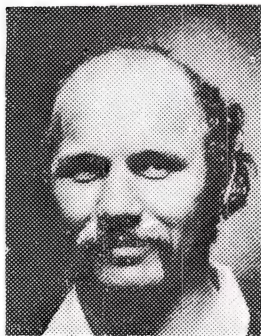
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**SID GOING**

**Sid Going** (North Auckland)  
Half-back. The most capped All Black half-back, "Super Sid" first displayed his wares in the Jubilee test of 1967 and has now appeared in 28 tests and scored 10 tries—second only to "Kirkie" on both counts among contemporary players. Beloved by some, criticized by others, Sid has nevertheless established himself firmly in rugby history through his unique ability as an attacker.



**DOUG BRUCE**

**Doug Bruce** (Canterbury)  
First five-eighths. "Mr Smooth" of the back-line, Doug's reliable handling and canny kicking have made him a trusted player since his formative days with Mid-Canterbury. Regular member of Canterbury XV since 1970, he played for South Island and N.Z. Juniors before becoming All Black in 1974. Had three tests against Springboks last year.



**BRUCE ROBERTSON**

**Bruce Robertson** (Counties)  
Centre. An exciting midfield attacker whose qualities were evident when he made his test debut against the 1972 Wallabies. Subsequently made four overseas tours, and was outstanding against Springboks last year. "BJ" has a long stride and a late swerve which defeats all but the most watchful of defenders.

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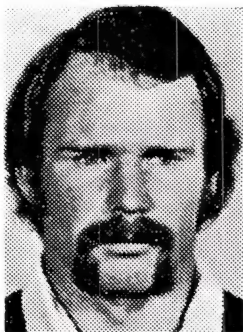
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**GRANT BATTY**

**Grant Batty** (Bay of Plenty)  
Left wing. Impudent, aggressive and brilliant, this diminutive champion has been an All Black regular since 1972-73. Plagued by a knee injury last season, but his exceptional determination pulled him through. As an unknown 18-year-old, he was an All Black trialist in 1970. Now he is among the best-known players, and his first test try will have enhanced his reputation.



**COLIN FARRELL**

**Colin Farrell** (Auckland)  
Full-back. The player who was preferred by Auckland coach Eric Boggs to 1976 All Black Kit Fawcett in the provincial squad. A lively attacker, as he proved for Auckland against Ireland last season, Colin is much better than his first test display would suggest. An enterprising attacker who is the "baby" of the present side.



**BILL BUSH**

**Bill Bush** (Canterbury)  
Tight-head prop. Immensely strong and resolute prop who has developed impressively since his Canterbury debut in 1972. Reliable scrummager and rucker who has been in the All Blacks since 1974 and forms close liaison with Norton.

**Bryan Williams** (Auckland)  
Right wing. Those who saw "Brains" beat Fergie McCormick cold on this ground in 1970 were witnessing the start of a great career which has taken this strapping winger to many parts of the world in the name of rugby. The possessor of a convincing fend and side-step, Bryan is New Zealand's most capped wing and has scored most tries in all matches for the All Blacks.

## ALL BLACKS' STATISTICS

### FORWARDS

	Age	Height	Weight	Tests
Tane Norton	34	6.0	14.2	24
Bill Bush	28	6.1	16.4	6
Brad Johnstone	26	6.2	16.2	2
Frank Oliver	28	6.3½	16.0	2
Andy Haden	26	6.6½	17.0	1
Kevin Eveleigh	29	5.11½	14.0	3
Ian Kirkpatrick	31	6.2½	16.0	36
Lawrie Knight	27	6.3½	15.7	1

### BACKS

Sid Going	33	5.7	12.10	28
Doug Bruce	30	5.10	11.10	3
Bill Osborne	22	5.9½	13.0	4
Bruce Robertson	25	6.0½	13.7	16
Bryan Williams	26	5.10	13.7	27
Grant Batty	25	5.5	11.12	15
Colin Farrell	21	5.10	12.0	1

## THE LIONS' TOUR

- MAY** 18 Wairarapa-Bush at Masterton. Won 41-13.  
21 Hawkes' Bay at Napier. Won 13-11.  
25 Poverty Bay-East Coast at Gisborne. Won 25-6.  
28 Taranaki at New Plymouth. Won 21-13.
- JUNE** 1 King Country-Wanganui at Taumarunui. Won 60-9.  
4 Manawatu-Horowhenua at Palmerston North. Won 18-12.  
8 Otago at Dunedin. Won 12-7.  
11 Southland at Invercargill. Won 20-12.  
14 New Zealand Universities at Christchurch. Lost 9-21.  
18 **NEW ZEALAND** (first test) at Wellington. Lost 12-16.  
22 Hanan Shield Districts at Timaru. Won 45-6.  
25 Canterbury at Christchurch. Won 14-13.  
29 West Coast-Buller at Westport. Won 45-0.
- JULY** 2 Wellington at Wellington. Won 13-6.  
5 Marlborough-Nelson Bays at Blenheim. Won 40-23.  
9 **NEW ZEALAND** (second test) at Christchurch.  
13 New Zealand Maoris at Auckland.  
16 Waikato at Hamilton.  
20 New Zealand Juniors at Wellington.  
23 Auckland at Auckland.  
30 **NEW ZEALAND** (third test) at Dunedin.
- AUGUST** 3 Counties-Thames Valley at Pukekohe.  
6 North Auckland at Whangarei.  
9 Bay of Plenty at Rotorua.  
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Bryan Williams, who has scored 57, is the record holder, and Ian Kirkpatrick (48) and Grant Batty (45) are third and fourth on the all-time list. Second is the late Jimmy Hunter, of the 1905 "Originals", whose 49 tries held pride of place until Williams set a new figure on the South African tour last year.

Williams, Kirkpatrick and Batty have all scored more than 100 tries in first class rugby.

Sid Going is sixteenth on the New Zealand list, with 33 tries, and he is second to Kirkpatrick on the list of test try-scorers. "Kirkie" has 15, Going 10, Kel Tremain nine, and Williams and Ralph Caulton eight each.

Williams is also the fifth highest scorer in games for New Zealand. His 330 points comes after Don Clarke (781), Fergie McCormick (453), Billy Wallace (379) and Joe Karam (345).

## N.Z. OFFICIALS

The men behind the All Blacks today are Mr Ron Don, the manager, and Messrs Jack Gleeson, John Stewart and Eric Watson, the selectors.

Mr Don is chairman of the Auckland Rugby Union and a member of the council of the New Zealand union. He was manager of the All Blacks in Argentina last year.

Mr Gleeson is a former Manawatu player and coach who became convener of the national panel this year. He is the longest serving member, first being elected in 1972.

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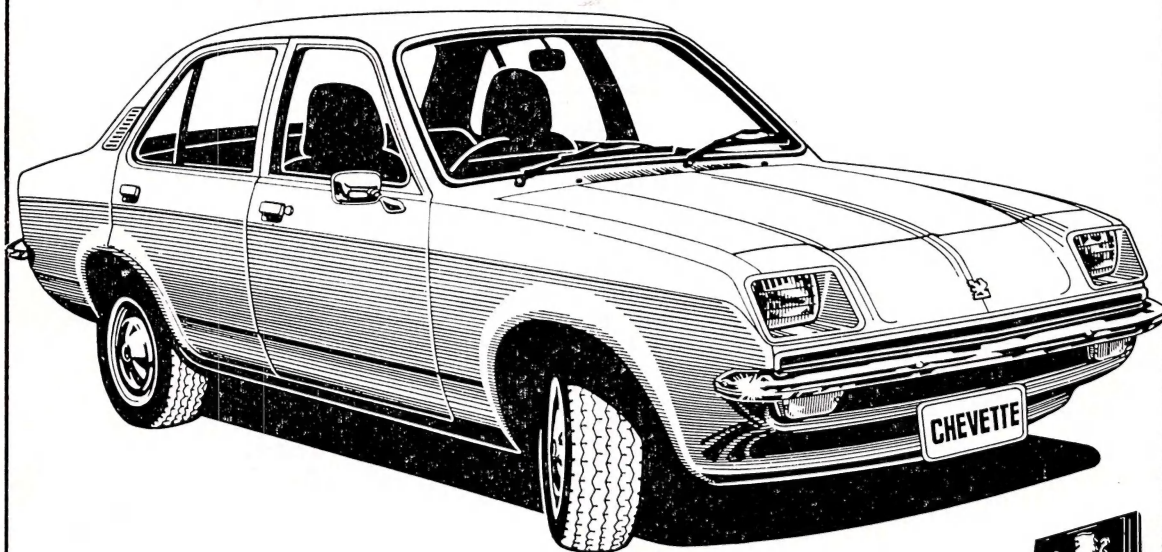


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